

LOCAL NEWS.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17.

DRILL TIME.—Affairs in Alexandria are exceedingly dull at present, and the labor of collecting and preparing local news is by no means light work. The river is frozen, there is not enough snow on the ground for sleighing, skating has been incommenced by the snow and the ice cutters, there are no more masquerade balls on the tapis, and the only preventive to an "universal ennu" is the political news from Washington. Fortunately oysters remain comparatively cheap, and the warming qualities of arack punches have not abated.

ODD FELLOWS' VISIT.—Marley Encampment, No. 6, I. O. O. F., of this city, paid a fraternal visit last night, on a special train of cars, to their brethren of Mount Nebo Encampment, of Washington. The visitors were escorted to and from the Odd Fellows Hall, in Washington, by the members of Mount Nebo Encampment, headed by a brass band. After a formal reception the Alexandrians were handsomely entertained with a sumptuous repast, and returned home, at half past twelve o'clock, highly pleased with their visit.

THE STRASBURG EXTENSION.—Gov. Swann, in his late annual Message to the Maryland Legislature, makes the following reference to the Strasburg Extension:

"A contract has been made within a few weeks past for a perpetual lease of the independent Branch Road from Harper's Ferry to Winchester, furnishing a most valuable connection with the Valley of Virginia. With the same line extended to Strasburg, too much importance cannot be attached to this valuable acquisition."

COAL OIL LAMPS.—The improvement to coal oil lamps caused by allowing salt to remain in the bottoms, has heretofore been mentioned in the Gazette, but another recommendation to that manner of treating lamps is contained in a letter written to a western paper, which says: "1. All the gas created by the heat of the flames is consumed. 2. The flame is much brighter and clearer. 3. The oil burns away much slower. 4. It never explodes."

WATCH HOUSE LODGERS.—There were but two lodgers at the Watch House last night—one, Jennie Owens, the female impostor who was discovered here last week, and who was sent out of the city this morning; and the other a colored man, who stated that he was sent here by the agents of the Freedmen's Bureau in Leesburg, but as he claimed Richmond as his home he was started thither this morning.

THE RIVER.—The river is almost filled with ice, which is hourly increasing in thickness, and the channel, which has been kept open by the Aquia Creek steamers, is obstructed by the floes which the Northwest wind has driven from the Virginia Shore. The steamer Winnisimmet made two trips to Washington this morning. The Collyer is not attempting to run.

POST OFFICE AFFAIRS.—George B. McKenney, postmaster at King George's Courthouse, King George's county, Virginia, vice Mrs. M. F. Thomas, White Post, Clarke county, Va., Jarvis Jennings, postmaster, Rectortown Station, Fauquier county, Va., J. C. Wallace, postmaster, Round Hill, Loudoun county, Va., W. B. Chamblin, postmaster.

ICE ON THE PAVEMENTS.—Walking on the sidewalks of some of the principal streets of the city is now rendered dangerous by the accumulation on the water from running hydrants, and many a perpendicular attitude yesterday and this morning were horizontalized in consequence.

SKATING.—Though the late snow interfered considerably with the sport on the skating grounds, the bracing diversion is still largely indulged in, and among these most fond of it, are some of the young ladies of this city, one of whom, however, unfortunately fell on the ice last Monday, and dislocated her shoulder joint.

COMPLAINT.—Complaint has been lodged at the Mayor's Office by the Potomac Ferry Company of the obstruction in the passage way to their wharf, at the King street dock, caused by the daily congregation, there of idle colored men and boys, and the Mayor will take the proper steps to have the obstruction removed.

SPORT.—Considerable sport was afforded to a number of boys yesterday evening, on King street, between Royal and Pitt, by a chase after a turkey, whose flights among the tops of the three story buildings in that vicinity, equalled any ever performed by his brethren in the wild state.

RECOVERED.—Daniel Williamson, who was shot on Christmas Eve last, during a disturbance near Accotink, by Elias Grimsley, has recovered from the effects of the injury he received, Grimsley is held under bonds of \$2,000 for his appearance at court to answer an indictment.

POLICE REPORT.—MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE.—J. T. Burnett, for an assault on Keat Davis, was discharged, and the costs assessed against Davis, who it was proved had assaulted officer Burnett when the latter was effecting his arrest.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—A colored man named Andrew Johnson, hailing from this city, was arrested in Washington, yesterday, charged with stealing a lady's gold chain. He was committed to jail for a further hearing.

DEMOREST'S.—From Mr. Geo. E. French's, No. 95, King street, we have Demorest's Monthly Magazine for February, the contents of which are as usual of peculiar interest to the ladies.

"Q, in a corner," to-morrow.

SEWING MACHINES.—Messrs. E. S. Leadbeater & Co. advertise the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine, a most superior family machine, and highly recommended by all who have used it. Besides the ordinary sewing these machines execute the most beautiful embroidery and ornamental work. Its construction is simple, and persons can easily learn how to work it.

MARRIED.

At "Arelion," the residence of the bride's father, S. A. Marsteller, esq., on Tuesday morning, 14th inst., by the Rev. J. M. BURN, of Alexandria, Va., and LERA CORINNE MARSTELLER, of Prince William county, Va.—No cards. [Balt. Sun and St. Mary's Gazette please copy.]

In Washington, on the 16th inst., by Rev. Father McCarthy, DANIEL W. STEWART, of that place, to Miss ALICE A. HILL, of Alexandria, Va.

In Baltimore, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Harden, JAMES DALMOND, of Md. SA. RAH E. GAMBELL, both of that city.

VIRGINIA.—At rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, on the 6th day of January, 1868, The Exchange Bank of Virginia, (who sue for the use of George W. Camp, trustee), plaintiff, against W. F. Demont, and George Washington, defendants, in debt, and style of Washington & Co., defendants. In debt.

The object of this suit is to recover from the defendants the sum of \$291.36, and cost of protest, \$2.50, with interest from July 28, 1861, till paid; due by the defendants to the plaintiff.

The defendant, W. F. Demont, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court house of this County.

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The object of this suit is to recover from the defendants the sum of \$400, and cost of protest, \$2.50, with interest from the 29th day of June, 1861, till paid, due by the defendants to the plaintiff.

The defendant, Thomas Marshall, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court house of this County.

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The object of this suit is to recover from the defendants the sum of \$500, and cost of protest, \$2.50, with interest from June 14, 1861, till paid, due from the defendants to the plaintiff.

The defendant, William F. Randolph, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

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The object of this suit is to recover from the defendants the sum of \$900, and cost of protest, \$1.50, with interest from July 11, 1861, till paid, due by the defendants to the plaintiff.

The defendant, Thomas Marshall, not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this County.

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VALUABLE AND STANDARD COMMERCIALLY.—By John Barnes' Notes on the Four Gospel Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles, Revelation and Isaiah.

Owen's Commentary on Matthew, Mark and Luke.

Author on Galatians, and Faber's Sacred Calendar of Prophecy.

Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, and Kitt's Bible Illustrations.

Bonar on the Psalms and Bridges on the 119th Psalm.

Drummond on the Parables, and Cruden's Atlas of Brown's Concordance, received and for sale at

Book, Paper and Stationery Store, Cor. King and Water streets.

BAKER'S CHOCOLATE—FRESH.—Pearl Homin, Cranberries, Currants and Raisins.

Sugar-cured Hams—small. Dried Beef and Cheese, received and for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

BUTTER.—Received to-day 1000 PRIME FINE PRIMA BUTTER, for sale at the lowest market price, by

J. E. LARKIN, No. 10, Royal st.

CURRENTS, LAYER RAISINS & FIRE CRACKERS.—600 the new Zante Currants, 10 boxes do. Layer Raisins, 8 boxes Gold Chop Fire Crackers, just received per steamer and for sale by

A. J. FLEMING.

P. R. SUGAR AND SYRUP.—3 bbls P. R. SUGAR, 12 bbls GOLDEN EXTRA AND PLAIN SYRUP, just received and for sale by

A. J. FLEMING.

CITY ITEMS.

The new style of imported sets of pendent garters, fuchsia, brilliant and jet sets just received by Mr. Prigg, at the One Dollar Jewelry Store, 438, Pennsylvania avenue, three doors from 41st street, Washington, D. C., are exceedingly beautiful in design, and are well worthy the attention of ladies of taste. Mr. Prigg has also an extensive assortment of pendent forks and spoons, that should be seen by persons contemplating house-equiping. The prices of the articles are so extremely low, and the goods themselves so desirable, that it gives us pleasure specially to direct them to the attention of our readers.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Have on hand a large stock of Ladies' Misses', and Children's Double Sole Dressed Boots, Lasting Kid and Turkish Morocco, which we are selling at greatly reduced prices.

W. B. WADDY, 74 King st.

THE GREATEST BARGAINS EVER BEFORE OFFERED IN THIS CITY.

S. DEALHAM, 106, King street, is selling off his immense stock of Overcoats, Beaver Suits and Capes at cost.

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FAIR QUESTIONS.—Where do you buy No. 1 quality \$25 Beaver Suits?

Corner King and Fairfax sts.

Where do you buy No. 2 \$20 Black Cloth Suits?

At Blondheim's, Corner King and Fairfax sts.

Where do you buy \$15 Silk-mixed Suits?

At Blondheim's, Corner King and Fairfax sts.

Where do you buy \$15 Black-Cashmere Suits?

At Blondheim's, Corner King and Fairfax sts.

Where do you buy \$12 Fawn-Cashmere Suits?

At Blondheim's, Corner King and Fairfax sts.

Where do you buy \$5 Suits?

At Blondheim's, Corner King and Fairfax sts.

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, FOR CHILDREN TEething, greatly facilitates the process of teething, by softening the gums, reducing all inflammation, will allay all pain and spasmodic action, and is sure to regulate the bowels. Depend upon it, mothers, it will give rest to yourselves, and relief and health to your infants. We have put up and sold this article for years, and can say in confidence and truth of it what we have never been able to say of any other medicine—never has it failed in a single instance to effect a cure, when timely used. Never did we know an instance of dissatisfaction by any one who used it. On the contrary, all are delighted with its operation, and speak in terms of commendation of its medicinal effects and medicinal virtues. We speak in this manner "what we do know," after years of experience, and pledge our reputation for the fulfillment of what we here declare. In almost every instance where the infant is suffering from pain and exhaustion, relief will be found in 15 or 20 minutes after the syrup is administered. Full directions for using accompany each bottle.

Be sure and call for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," having the fac-simile of "Curtis & Perkins" on the outside wrapper. All others are base imitations.

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Obtain only "Brown's Bronchial Troches," and do not take any of the worthless imitations that may be offered. Sold everywhere.

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NOTICE.—Alexandria, January 14, 1868. The undersigned have this day entered into a copartnership under the firm name of

ALBERT T. SKINNER & CO., for the purpose of carrying on a general COMMISSION BUSINESS,

at Nos. 10 and 12, south Union street.

ALBERT T. SKINNER, J. N. HARPER.

BRANCH OFFICE.—WALTER A. WOOD MOWING AND REPAIRING MACHINE CO., Manufacturers of

Walter A. Wood's Prize Mowers.

" " " Self-Rake Reapers.

" " " Hand-Rake Reapers.

The above machines were awarded the Gold Medal at the Paris Exposition, and the inventor, Walter A. Wood, received the grand Gold Cross of the Legion of Honor from the hands of the Emperor Napoleon.

ALBERT T. SKINNER & CO., General Agents, at Nos. 10 and 12, south Union st.

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ENGLISH MAGAZINES FOR JANUARY 1868.

BOOK AND STATIONERY DEPOT, No. 95 King Street.

"Temple Bar"—a London Magazine.

"Cornhill Magazine"—London.

"Belgravia"—edited by Miss Braddon.

"St. Paul's"—Anthony Trollope's new magazine.

"London Society"—illustrated.

"The Broadway"—London and New York.

"The People's Magazine."

"Good Words."

"Sunday Magazine."

The American Law Register for January.

Oliver Optic's "Our Boy's and Girl's"—a neat magazine for young folks—weekly.

On the cards—"All the Way"—a Christmas annual—Routledge & Sons, London.

The Illustrated Annual Register of Rural Affairs, 1868—3c.

The World Almanac for 1868.

The Tribune Almanac for 1868.

New Books daily.

G. E. FRENCH.

jan 16

FAMILY GROCERIES, &c.

I have on hand a large supply of choice family

SUGAR-CURED HAMS,

SHOULDERS

AND BREAD PIECES,

Also, pure LARD, LARD,

Raisins, Currants, Citron, Dried Cherries, Apples and Peaches, Choice Groceries, pure Cider Vinegar, and a fine stock of

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MANILLA WRAPPING PAPER.

Just received, from the Mill, another supply of the smaller sizes of the above, so much sought after.

Dealer in all sorts of Paper Stationery, Music &c., &c.

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TURK'S ISLAND SALT.

4000 bushels

TURK'S ISLAND SALT,

daily expected per schr. A. H. Whittemore, for sale by

HOOE & WEDDERBURN,

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LIVERPOOL SALT.

1000 sacks G. A. Salt,

Marshall's Fine Salt,

500 " Verdel's Sons

in bright and fine salt store and for sale by

HOOE & WEDDERBURN,

jan 13—2w

COFFEE! COFFEE!

20 bags RIO, GOVERNMENT JAVA, and MANILLA COFFEE, received, in store and for sale by

A. J. FLEMING,

jan 6

FRESH BUTTER.

EGGS AND TURKIES,

just received and for sale by

HOUGH & RAMSAY,

jan 15

CHAMPAGNE CIDER

AND HONEY,

just received and for sale by

HOUGH & RAMSAY,

jan 15

AMUSEMENTS.

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"PUBLIC GOOD OUR ONLY AIM."

SECOND ANNUAL BALL OF THE HYDRAULIC STEAM FIRE ENGINE CO. OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.

On Friday evening, February 21, 1868.

It will be remembered that every available facility will be offered to make this one of the most agreeable and entertaining occasions of the season.

Master of Ceremonies—Wm. H. Smith. Floor Manager—John A. Field.

Assistants—A. C. Kell, Thomas Hoy, J. H. Young.

Reception Committee—Hon. Hugh Latham, Capt. George T. Whittington, Hiram Webster, Benj. Barton, Capt. James M. Stewart, Richard Purcell, Henry Strauss.

Committee of Arrangements—Jas. P. Shraeks, D. Z. Buckley, John W. Hosman, M. B. Barlow, George Bennett.

Prof. COOK'S STRING BAND has been engaged for the occasion.

Tickets, \$1. Refreshments furnished. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to eject any improper person from the ball.

jan 10—20td

GROVER & BAKER'S

FIRST PREMIUM ELASTIC STITCH FAMILY SEWING MACHINES,

No. 495, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

POINTS OF EXCELLENCE.

Beauty and Elasticity of Stitch. Perfection and Simplicity of Machinery. Using but three threads directly from the spools. No fastening of seams by hand and no waste of thread.

Wide range of application without change of adjustment.

The seam retains its beauty and firmness after washing and ironing.

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